

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 52  
By Fraley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ed Johnson of  
Winchester on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should honor those individuals who  
freely give of themselves and their time, wholeheartedly devoting themselves to their  
professions and to the service of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ed Johnson of Winchester is one such remarkable individual, having served  
with integrity and tremendous success as a Manager for Wal-Mart and Big K for thirty-one  
years; Ed's employees and co-workers have always found him to be a very accessible and  
hardworking manager, working for them in addition to working for the company; and

WHEREAS, A devout member of First Baptist Church of Winchester, Ed has always  
been a selfless and altruistic individual who devotes a great deal of his time as Manager of the  
Winchester Wal-Mart store to raising money for many varied and worthwhile causes; some of  
the more noteworthy of his charitable accomplishments are as follows: he has helped raise  
\$1,000 annually for scholarships, \$7,500 annually in matching grants, \$9,000 annually in bonus  
grants, \$500 annually in environmental grants, \$1,000 annually in literacy grants, \$500 annually

for Teacher of the Year Awards, \$300 annually for Grandparents' Day, \$10,000 annually for the Children's Miracle Network, \$5,500 for the United Way of Franklin County, and \$10,000-\$15,000 annually in miscellaneous store donations; and

WHEREAS, A very safety-conscious and responsible man, Ed Johnson has also worked as a volunteer and sponsor for the Franklin County Hunter Safety Course and TWRA's boating safety course, as well as supporting the local fire and sheriff's departments; and

WHEREAS, A true philanthropist, Ed has been the Co-Chairman and Sponsor for the Take-A-Kid-Fishing Rodeo for the past ten years, an event whose proceeds go to benefit the local Special Olympics or the American Diabetes Association; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the multitude of other good deeds that Ed has performed to make himself a highly valued asset to his community, Ed has also been a member of the Hospital Business Advisory Board for three years and a member of the Chamber of Commerce since 1977; he also works tirelessly with churches and schools to organize car washes and bake sales at Wal-Mart; and

WHEREAS, Ed Johnson's well-deserved retirement from thirty-one years of managing the Winchester Wal-Mart will be effective on January 31, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Ed Johnson truly represents the ideal of a successful businessman, charitable philanthropist, and community-minded leader, and thus, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to honor him on the occasion of his retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we recognize and applaud Ed Johnson for his hard work and stalwart service as Manager of the Winchester Wal-Mart store and his selfless devotion to his community, and we extend to him our best wishes for his well-deserved retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

